Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether any application for licenses has been refused during the last year?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I want notice.

The Girls' Lower Secondary School at Vadakkancheri.

261. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table a list showing (a) the number of girls on the rolls of the various classes of the Lower Secondary Department since its opening ;

(b) the number of female pupils on the rolls of the various forms of the Vadakkancheri High School for the last 10 education years ;

(c) why is the Primary Department of the Girls' school kept as a Vernacular school only ;

(d) how many male teachers have been appointed to the said school since its opening ;

(e) were these appointments made for want of female teachers to fill these posts ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai —(a) Vide answer to sub-division 2 of question No. 87 of the last Vrischigam Session of the Council.

(b) Vide answer to sub-division 1 of the question referred to in (a).

(c) Vide answer to sub-division 3 of the question referred to in (a).

(d) Six in the Lower Secondary Department and one in the Primary Department. Of these only two are working in the school now. One is intended for teaching Sanskrit, there being no separate Pandit in the school.

(e) Partly so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—From the statistics given in answer to question No. 87 referred to here, it is seen that the strength in the Lower Secondary School at Vadakkancheri is sufficiently big to make it a High School. Have any suggestions been received by the Government to that effect ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There was some representation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what it was and when?

President.—We gave to Chittur a Girls' High school and I think there is sufficient strength in the classes there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there is any prospect of Vadakkancheri getting a High school for girls in the near future?

President.—Why not give a **Girls' High** school to Vadakkancheri ?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The number of girls should justify it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the number of girls in the Secondary Department of the Vadakkancheri High school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There must be some 20 girls to start with. In the Boys' High school there are more than half a dozen girls in the IV Form, half a dozen in the V Form and 4 or 5 in the VI Form. That would not justify the starting of a Girls' High school.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If we had a Girls' High school the number attending the secondary classes would be more.

President.—So what I am to understand from you is that the parents of the girls do not want to send their girls to study in the Boys' High school.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When the Lower Secondary section was opened in the Girls' school, the number attending such classes was more than what it was when they were attending the same classes in the Boys' school. If the Lower Secondary school is raised to a Secondary school, the number attending the IV, V and VI Forms would be more than what it is when they are attending in the Boys' High school.

President.—What is the number that attends the III Form in the Lower Secondary Girls' school?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am not ready with the statistics now.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I think it is below 14.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I think it is not as the Director reported. I think it is about a dozen and a half. So also the number attending the High school classes in the High school is much more than what the Director reported.

President.—Provided there is a reasonable number, we can have a High School at Vadakkancheri.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We just gave to Chittur a Girls' High school where we found the number attending the first year in the IV Form something like 16 or so. That is a proper number to begin with.

President.—We gave to Chittur also some additional amount for building. There was ample ground there and as such we had no necessity to acquire land.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the minimum number of girls that is required for opening the IV Form in a Lower Secondary school and thus make it a High school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Twenty girls would suffice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—For anything less, can a IV Form be opened?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—At Chittur we waited for half a dozen years, say 7 or 8 years, and last year we raised it into a High school and we have about 17 in the IV Form.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So with the same number we can expect a High school at Vadakkancheri also?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Twenty would be reasonable.

President.—I suppose between 15 and 20; Vadakkancheri should be made an exception. Has Talappalli Taluk got a Girls' High school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Talappalli has got a Girls' High school at Kunnamkulam.

President.—But it is not the Headquarters of Talappalli.

Stopping of a procession at Irinjalakkuda.

262. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article in 'Mahathi' dated 11th Thulam 1104 on page 2 ഡിജ്ഞകരകൻ കിട്ടിയ വിവരം ; if so will they be pleased to state whether all or any of the allegations contained therein are true ;

(b). what action has the Government taken regarding the very serious allegations contained therein ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, the allegations are not true. It was a distorted version. It is a fact that a Christian drunken youth attempted to prevent the beating of the drum, etc., in front of the Church. But he was removed from the place and the organisers took the procession without any hitch.

(b) Due action was taken against the Christian youth.

Articles in the 'Chitrabhanu' paper fomenting racial hatred.

263. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the articles contained in the 'Chitrabhanu' Newspaper of Trichur in the last two issues and almost all the previous issues indulging in vilifying only Brahmin officers of all grades and positions so as to foment racial hatred and consequent troubles among the public of the State which communal hatred is fortunately absent in Cochin at present ;

(2) whether they have taken any action thereon against the paper and the press or intend taking any action ;

(3) whether they are aware of the fact that it was the person in the self-same editor who was convicted and sentenced by the Cochin Courts for some such scandalous publications;

(4) whether they will be pleased to pay particular attention to such articles in newspapers hereafter ?

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